

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The Abstract on p. 28, lines 1-18 should be replaced with the following text:

“It is an object of the invention to prevent payment of a medal to unauthorized persons, and further to authenticate a right person for payment of a medal. To achieve the object, the system comprises a medal keeping and paying apparatus, each having medal keeping means, medal paying means, right person information inputting means, operation information storing means, right person information storing means, memory, and processing section. The processing section outputs a payment signal to the medal paying means based on count information of deposited medals stored in the operation information storing means, and also controls payment of deposited medals. The processing section includes a network interface, and inputs, stores, and renews count information of the medal keeping means and right person authorization information through the network interface. The processing section also accesses the operation information storing means through the network interface.”